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- 1. On the afternoon of 21 September 1955 a noncommissioned tank officer stationed about two kilometers west of Sliven blocked all traffic from proceeding south on the road to Yambol. There was no visible sign of military activity to warrant this measure.
- 2. In Sliven large numbers of uniformed troops were seen. About two thirds of them belonged to tank regiments and the rest to the artillery. No air force troops were noticed. A short distance to the east of Sliven on the road to Aytos is a large artillery barracks, in front of which are parked what appear to be several batteries of 105-mm. howitzers. About one kilometer east are located several military garages, evidentally used to house trucks and tractors for the artillery. Another kilometer along the road, but some distance to the right of it, is an airfield, and two military gliders were noticed in the air.
- 3. About twelve kilometers east of Sliven and opposite a road leading to the right in the direction of Blatets (N 42-38, E 26-32), Sliven Okoliya, is a military field used for tank maneuvers. On this field are two large tents, radio antennae and about 15 Sherman-type (sic) tanks. Each tread of a tank had six bogie wheels and were armed with what appeared to be 75-mm. guns, but with long barrels. About 100 troops were observed, about 60 of which were gathered around what appeared to be map tables.
- 4. In Aytos two barracks were observed, one of which was occupied by artillery troops. In the southern part of the town there appears to be an oil refinery with four or five storage tanks, each holding about 40,000 liters.
- 5. On the outskirts of Chirpan along the road leading to Stara Zagora there are large military barracks extending for about one kilometer along the right of the road. These barracks are partially hidden from view by a hedge of evergreens from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 meters in height. There are two entrances to this military area. Behind the large barracks are another fifteen 1-storied structures, each 25 x 10 meters in size. Behind these buildings is a maneuver area for tanks or a small airfield.

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